

WEST VIRGINIA SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2019, 3:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 208-W.

All members being present, with the exception of Senators Baldwin, Hardesty, and Takubo, who were absent, the Chairman declared the presence of a quorum. (See attached roll call and agenda).

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

H. B. 2509 - Clarifying that theft of a controlled substance is a felony.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill and title amendment, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee adopted the title amendment.

H. B. 2579 - Relating to the collection of tax and the priority of distribution of an estate or property in receivership.

Bill Aubel, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Loren Allen, General Counsel, West Virginia Bankers Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Richard Boyle, Attorney, Legal Division, West Virginia Tax Department, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

H. B. 2872 - Authorizing law-enforcement officers to assist the State Fire Marshal.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed strike and insert and title amendments, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Beach, the committee adopted the strike and insert agreement.

On motion of Senator Beach, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Senator Beach, the committee adopted the title amendment.

On motion of Senator Beach, the committee adjourned.

Charles S. Trump IV, Chair

Beverly Douglas, Analyst/Clerk